

# NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

## VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY ANNOUNCES PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON PROPOSED REGULATIONS

**Richmond, VA--** The Virginia Department of Labor and Industry announced today the public comment period on proposed regulation 16 VAC 25-145 and proposed amendment 16 VAC 20-10 section 2.2-4007. Details on both can be found below or on the agency's Web site at [www.doli.state.va.us](http://www.doli.state.va.us).

- **16 VAC 25-145 Safety Standards for Fall Protection in Steel Erection, Construction Industry**

The Safety and Health Codes Board intends to consider promulgating regulations entitled: **16 VAC 25-145 Safety Standards for Fall Protection in Steel Erection, Construction Industry**. The purpose of the proposed action is to establish in regulation the current VOSH administrative policy regarding fall protection for steel erection workers from falls at or above 10 feet. The agency intends to hold a public hearing on the proposed regulation after publication in the Virginia Register. The date will be announced as it becomes available.

Public comments may be submitted until **September 12, 2002** to Regina P. Cobb, Agency Management Analyst Senior, Department of Labor and Industry, Powers-Taylor Building, 13 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Richmond VA, 23219, telephone 804-786-0610, fax 804-786-8418 or e-mail [rlc@doli.state.va.us](mailto:rlc@doli.state.va.us). Comments can also be submitted online through the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall at: <http://www.townhall.state.va.us/index.cfm>. More information about the regulation and this action can be found at the Town Hall site.

- **16 VAC 20-10 Apprenticeship Council Proposed Amendments Public Participation Guidelines**

Section 2.2-4007 of the Administrative Process Act (Code of Virginia) mandates that the Apprenticeship Council have Public Participation Guidelines and defines policies to be included. The Apprenticeship Council proposes to amend the current public participation guidelines to (i) state that the NOIRA, proposed regulations, and final regulations will all be published on the Department of Labor and Industry (department) Web site and on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall, (ii) state that an electronic public participation notification list will be maintained in addition to the paper mail public participation list, (iii) eliminate the requirement that the NOIRA and proposed regulations be published in a newspaper, and (iv) amend language to reflect the current requirements of the Administrative Process Act.

Public comments on this proposed action can be submitted until **October 11, 2002** to: Bonnie R. Hopkins, Regulatory Coordinator, Department of Labor and Industry, Powers-Taylor Building, 13 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Richmond, VA 23219, telephone 804-371-2631, fax 804-371-6524 or e-mail [brh@doli.state.va.us](mailto:brh@doli.state.va.us). Comments can also be submitted online through the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall at <http://www.townhall.state.va.us/index.cfm>.

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